

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

Minutes of the HVRA Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd April 2012 at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

CONFIRMED

The meeting started at 7:35pm.

Action

1 **PRESENT:**

Lin Smith (Chairman), Angus Idle (Vice Chairman), Al Bowyer (Treasurer), James Perkins (Secretary), Clare Atkinson, Derek Armshaw, Sara Hamilton, Rosemary Hewitt, Joanne Holt, Janet Idle, Dory Morgan, Jerry Morley, David Sharp (Jayne Birkenhead representing the Village Day committee)

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Chris Bowyer, Edna Parker, Geoff Wright

3 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

These were adopted as a correct and true record of the March meeting, and signed by the Chairman.

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

4a Still no response received about the climbing frame despite further follow up by Al Bowyer.

4b Steve Cohen from Bucks Free Press confirmed he will be able to attend the AGM.

4c It was pointed out that the pot holes, cracks and noise on Coombe Lane was equally as bad as the noise on Valley Road. Dory Morgan agreed to bring up subject with WDC. HVRA will also write to Transport for Bucks with copy to Richard Pushman. Janet Idle will contact the Noise Abatement Society.

5 **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Investment was made in a large quantity of postage stamps prior to the price increase. Our available funds still remain about £5,000. We are down on subs by £500 for 2011/12 because of some delays in collection due to shortage of road reps and some sickness. But it is balanced by ad revenue being up by £500. A discussion took place on subscriptions for 2012/13 and it was agreed to keep them as last year at £5 per household and a minimum of £3 for households with senior citizens.

6 **EVENTS:**

6a **Village Day:**

Jayne Birkenhead gave update on the preparations for Village Day. She pointed out that the barbecue, raffle and tombola are the big money spinners. She would like help from the road reps to sell raffle tickets. James Perkins had already emailed the road reps asking for their support and only one indicated they were unable to help. Clare Atkinson will put together a letter to the road reps and send it to James Perkins for approval indicating what would be required. Raffle tickets should be ready for distribution by the beginning of May. It was suggested that Eden shop vouchers might be a good raffle prize. Any other suggestions should be emailed to jayned.b@virgin.net.

JP

- 6b **AGM:** Steve Cohen from BFP will be attending. Rosemary Hewitt will be taking care of the catering. In the voting for officers, Angus Idle, Al Bowyer and James Perkins agreed to re-stand for their current positions, so ,as Lin Smith will be standing down we will need nominations for the position of chairman. Angus was not prepared to stand for nomination for chairman due to his current commitments. RH
- 6c **Senior Citizens:** Rosemary Hewitt will write the invitations using last year's list and distribute to road reps. A "help on the day" list was circulated at the meeting. RH
- 6d **Jubilee Picnic:** The hall has been booked. The display still has to be done. The poster is ready. Some 50s music needs to be put together. Lin Smith to identify bunting design. Anyone with coronation memorabilia should contact Janet Idle. Joanne Holt to investigate if she can supply exhibition boards. DM/JI/
JH
- 7 **COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 7a **Hughenden News:** April edition should be ready on Wednesday 11 April. Contributors were congratulated for getting information ready on time.
- 7b **Website:** Many compliments received.
- 8 **CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 8a Angus Idle contacted Thames Water about the road works at the Hughenden Road/Coates Lane junction and was told that traffic lights would be in place whilst the sewerage work was done. As it was in the Easter holidays it was hoped the delays would not be too serious.
- 8b Al Bowyer was contacted by SDK to say they would no longer be emptying "dog poo" bins. Lin Smith will discuss with the Parish Council to see alternatives there might be. LS
- 9 **REPORTS**
- ROAD REPRESENTATIVES:**
- 9a Table top sale will take place in Bryants Bottom on Sunday 22 April to raise money for the BB Jubilee event. Small flower pots were required by Sara Hamilton for cuttings. DM
- 9b Al Bowyer to issue a spreadsheet to road with list of HVRA members for 2012/13 subscriptions. All
- 9c James Perkins to issue the email list of road reps to Dory Morgan and Al Bowyer.
- 9d The traffic noise in Valley Road seems to have become worse. Early morning and late night traffic is particularly disturbing. Request to see if a quieter road surface could be installed. Dory Morgan pointed out that the council's priority was road damage repair and not complete resurfacing for noise issues, but she would investigate. DM
- 10 **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE:**
- 10a The Public Hearing into the travellers site at Walters Ash on 1st February was aborted because the Travellers' QC, Mr Alan Masters, wanted to subpoena several witnesses. A new date is expected to be set in May.
- 10b Permission was given for the Removal of the Agricultural Tenancy at the Millfield Farm bungalow because the 10 year rule applied.
- 10c A decision is still awaited regarding the written Appeal that was submitted for boundary fencing at Hopkins Yard
- 10d Magnolia Sports & Social Club submitted an application for an indoor gym and fast-lane swimming pool to be sited on the sloping land above the bowling green. As the site lies in the GB and AONB the policies do not permit development other than for agriculture and forestry, and outdoor recreation and tourism – the indoor gym fails and so HVRA have written to object

- 10e Following the application by The Gate at Bryants Bottom to increase opening hours and hold live music functions, it was suggested that a condition be imposed restricting the number of days per week that live music could be played. Outcome is awaited.
- 10f There has been an appeal by the owners of the cottage at Spring Coppice by way of written representation against WDC's refusal to grant planning permission.
- 10g Problems continue with parking outside Country Supplies, Oak Leaf Farm. Bucks CC parking officer has been consulted and will review the situation.
- 10h The Shana Riding School has been sold as a going concern.
- 11 HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL:**
- 11a It was agreed that the new Jubilee Tree should be planted close to the Millennium Tree opposite the Harrow pub. Lin Smith to find out what variety of tree it is. LS
- 11b The litter pick took place on 31 March even though Veolia failed to deliver the special equipment. Thanks to those who took part.
- 12 COMMUNITY SHOP**
- 12a The AGM will take place on 11 April.
- 13 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**
- 13a A speed watch took place in Valley Road on 2 April. LS
- 13b Lee Turnham is still waiting for leaflets to place on parked cars at Hughenden School. LS
- 14 HS2**
- 14a Enough contributions have been received to force a judicial review of the HS2 plans. JI
- 15 Village Hall Committee**
- 15a New electric locks and new entrance mat in big hall.
- 15b Wooden posts to prevent parking have been installed along the kerb in Valley Road outside the hall.
- 15c Kiddies barrier is to be built outside the small hall.
- 15d John Moorby is organising a conservation walk on Monday 11th June.
- 16 Road Safety**
- 16a At £55,000, the zebra crossing at the bottom of Coombe Hill was felt to be too expensive to consider. JM
- 17 Any other business:**
- 17a There was some concern about the supply of bunting from the Parish Council for the Jubilee celebrations. Originally 300 metres had been promised to Bryants Bottom, but it now appeared to be in doubt because of the late requirement from Hughenden.
- 18 Date of Next Meeting:**
The meeting ended at 9:46pm
Next meeting Tuesday, 1st May at 7:30pm.

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....

